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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: New Definition of "Repair"

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, 2 Jul 97, subject: Definition for Repair and Maintenance.
- b. AR 210-50, Housing Management.
- c. AR 415-15, Army Military Construction Program Development and Execution.
- d. AR 415-19, Nonappropriated-Funded Construction Project Development and Approval.
- e. AR 420-10, Management of Installation Directorates of Public Works.
- f. DA PAM 420-11, Project Definition and Work Classification.

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a new Department of Defense standardized definition of "Repair." Reference 1.a. transmitted a new standardized definition of "Repair" to the Services (enclosure 1). This new definition is effective for all U.S. Army projects approved on or after 2 July 1997. References 1.b., 1.c., 1.d., 1.e., and 1.f. will be amended in the future to incorporate the new definition.

3. The new definition is more liberal and expands our ability to provide adequate facilities for our soldiers and civilians. See enclosure 2 for basic guidance/examples on utilizing the new definition.

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Enclosure 1:

**CRITERIA FOR A REPAIR PROJECT
(DEFINITION)**

1. Repair means "to restore a real property facility, system or component to such a condition that it may effectively be used for its designated functional purpose."
2. When repairing a facility, the components of the facility may be repaired by replacement, and the replacement can be up to current standards or codes. For example, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment can be repaired by replacement, can be state-of-the-art, and provide for more capacity than the original unit due to increased demand/standards. Interior rearrangements (except for load-bearing walls) and restoration of an existing facility to allow for effective use of existing space or to meet current building code requirements (for example, accessibility, health, safety, or environmental) may be included as repair.
3. Additions, new facilities and functional conversions must be done as construction. Construction projects may be done concurrent with repair projects as long as the projects are complete and usable.

Enclosure 2:

BASIC GUIDANCE FOR THE NEW DEFINITION OF REPAIR

1. A facility must exist and be in a failed or failing condition in order to be considered for a repair project.
2. When repairing a facility you may now bring the facility (or a component of a facility) up to applicable codes or standards as repair. An example would be adding a sprinkler system as part of a barracks repair project. Another example would be adding air conditioning to meet a current standard when repairing a facility. Pursuant to the new definition, moving load-bearing walls, additions, new facilities and functional conversions must be done as construction.
3. Bringing a facility (or component thereof) up to applicable codes or standards for compliance purposes only, when a component or facility is not in need of repair, is construction.